1 Sam 2:7-8 The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he <u>exalts</u>. 8 He <u>raises</u> the poor from the dust and <u>lifts</u> the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.

Ps 9:18 But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the <u>hope</u> of the afflicted ever perish.

Ps 69:33 The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.

Ps 140:12 I know that the LORD <u>secures justice</u> for the poor and <u>upholds the cause</u> of the needy.

Job 36:15 But those who suffer he <u>delivers</u> in their suffering; he <u>speaks to them</u> in their affliction.

Ps 35:10 My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, O LORD? You <u>rescue</u> the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them."

Ps 12:5 "Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says the LORD. "I will <u>protect</u> them from those who malign them."

Ps 109:31 For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to <u>save</u> his life from those who condemn him.

Ps 107:41 But he <u>lifted</u> the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

Ps 68:10 Your people settled in it (the Promise land), and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.

Ps 146:7-9 He <u>upholds</u> the cause of the oppressed and <u>gives food</u> to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, 8 the LORD <u>gives sight</u> to the blind, the LORD <u>lifts up</u> those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

Ps 102:17 He will <u>respond</u> to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.

Ps 14:6 You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

James 2:5 Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God <u>chosen</u> those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

Prov 19:1 Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.

Matt 8:20 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to <u>preach good news</u> to the poor. He has sent me to <u>proclaim freedom</u> for the prisoners and <u>recovery of sight</u> for the blind, to <u>release the oppressed</u>, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Ps 72:12-14 For he will <u>deliver</u> the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. 13 He will take <u>pity</u> on the weak and the needy and <u>save</u> the needy from death. 14 He will <u>rescue</u> them from oppression and violence, for precious is their (life) in his sight.

Isa 29:19 Once more the humble will <u>rejoice</u> in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Job 5:16 6 So the poor have <u>hope</u>, and injustice shuts its mouth.

Ps 10:14 But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the <u>helper</u> of the fatherless.

Matt 25:35-36 For I was hungry and you gave me <u>something to eat</u>, I was thirsty and you gave me <u>something to drink</u>, I was a stranger and you <u>invited me in</u>, 36 I needed clothes and <u>you clothed me</u>, I was sick and you <u>looked after me</u>, I was in prison and you <u>came to visit me</u>.'

Prov 22:22-23 Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, 23 for the LORD will take up their case and will plunder those who plunder them.

Deut 15:7-8 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. 8 Rather be <u>openhanded</u> and <u>freely lend</u> him whatever he needs.

Deut 24:14-15 <u>Do not take advantage</u> of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether he is a brother Israelite or an alien living in one of your towns. 15 Pay him his wages each day before sunset, because he is poor and is counting on it. Otherwise he may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin.

Zech 7:10 <u>Do not oppress</u> the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.'

- Ps 82:3-4 <u>Defend the cause of the weak</u> and fatherless; <u>maintain the rights</u> of the poor and oppressed. 4 <u>Rescue</u> the weak and needy; deliver them
- Jer 22:3 Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow
- Jer 22:16 He <u>defended the cause</u> of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the LORD.
- Ps 112:9 He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor,
- Prov 29:7 The righteous <u>care about justice</u> for the poor,
- Luke 3:11 John answered, "The man with two tunics <u>should share</u> with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."
- Gal 2:10 All they asked was that we should <u>continue to remember the poor</u>, the very thing I was eager to do.
- Deut 15:10-11 <u>Give generously</u> to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. 11 There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to <u>be openhanded</u> toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.
- Ps 74:19 do not forget the lives of your afflicted people forever.
- Ps 74:21 Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace; may the poor and needy praise your name.
- Prov 14:21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is <u>kind to</u> the needv.
- Ps 41:1-3 Blessed is he who has <u>regard for the weak</u>; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble. 2 The LORD will protect him and preserve his life; he will bless him in the land
- and not surrender him to the desire of his foes. 3 The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.
- Prov 22:9 A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.
- Heb 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Prov 28:27 He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

Luke 14:13-14 But when you give a banquet, <u>invite the poor</u>, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."